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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

June 8th will mark the eighteenth year Community Housing-Works' (CHW) holds their annual FaceLift event. Since 1995 CHW has been bringing together neighborhood associations, local businesses, and community volunteers to revitalize homes, instill community pride, build home equity, and strengthen neighborhoods.



This year's event will take place in Teralta Park, along 46th Street between Orange and University Avenues. Volunteers will assist their fellow neighbors make minor house repairs, paint homes and fences, landscape, parkway planting, street and alley sweeping and cleaning, and debris removal. Over 500 City Heights' homes have been FaceLifted since 1995, with an average of 500 volunteers at each event.

A special thanks to the FaceLift Committee, who are committed City Heights residents, that make this event a success, year after year. The FaceLift Committee is responsible for planning and orchestrating the event, providing an opportunity for members of the community to come together and shape their neighborhood.

We want to recognize the FaceLift supporters: Price Family Charitable Fund, Torrey Pines Bank, First Unitarian Universalist Church, Union Bank, Bank of America, Frazee, JP Morgan Chase, SuperMercado Murphy's, Cal Bank and Trust, NeighborWorks America, WashTek, Lowes, Albertsons, Debris Box, Allied Waste, Arrowhead Water and Subway.

For more information on how to get involved contact Maria Isabel Rocha at (760) 432-5461 or at mrocha@chworks.org.

Thanks, Marti

Mission Statement

Empower constituents to improve their quality of life, economy, and neighborhoods through the effective use of a responsive, transparent, and trustworthy city government.

My Goals:

Provide Safe Neighborhoods, Empower People, Deliver Resources,
Create Economic Opportunity, Promote Trust In Government

District 9 Communities

- Alvarado Estates
- Azalea Park
- Castle
- Cherokee Point
- Chollas Creek
- Colina Park
- College Area
- Corridor
- El Cerrito
- Fairmount Park
- Fairmount Village
- Fox Canyon
- Hollywood Park
- Islenair
- Kensington
- Mountain View
- Mt Hope
- Ridgeview
- Rolando
- Southcrest
- Swan Canyon
- Talmadge
- Teralta-East & West
- Willie Henderson

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Safety Speaks

At the June 5, 2013 Public Safety & Neighborhood Services Committee (PSNS) meeting the Development Services Department will provide an update of the Volunteer Program with Code Enforcement. Chairwoman Emerald requested this presentation as an opportunity for citizens to make a difference in our community by addressing area specific quality of life issues. Citizens will have the opportunity to provide valuable information and evidence to City staff who can then proceed with proper enforcement procedures.

“Our neighborhoods are being overrun with yard sales, makeshift auto shops and other violations of City code” Emerald stated. “We need to address this issue head on and we’re looking forward to a collaborative relationship with the community.”

As part of their duties, volunteers will be provided training to help identify, document and assist in the resolution of common code problems within their community such as: yard sales, parking on lawns, identifying and removing illegal signs (both signs in the right of way and political), storage and encroachments.

Code Enforcement staff will provide code enforcement training and ongoing technical support as well as accept referrals for noncompliant cases. All volunteer groups will meet on a monthly basis with a Code Enforcement Volunteer Coordinator. For questions regarding the Volunteer Program, please contact William “Donny” Dauphin, (619) 533-6145, ddauphin@sandiego.gov

FY2014 Budget Priorities

Mayor Filner issued his May Revise to the proposed budget on May 22. This year’s proposed budget is much sunnier than in years past, restoring critical services like public safety and investing more in our neighborhood infrastructure, including our streets, sidewalks, and public facilities.

Councilmember Emerald’s top goal is to provide safe neighborhoods, and commends the Mayor’s proposal to allocate a large portion of that money to the Fire-Rescue Department for fuel costs, restoring three lifeguard positions and adding an advanced lifeguard academy, and upgrading one of our helicopters and other heavy-duty rescue equipment. The Police Department would regain four critical civilian positions and would have more funding for helicopters, safety equipment, and technological upgrades.

Councilmember Emerald is also pleased to see greater investment in our community’s infrastructure, including \$100,000 for more streetlights in City Heights, Mount Hope, Mountain View and Southcrest, and full funding of **two** District Nine parks - Central Avenue Mini Park/Skate Plaza, and Charles Lewis III Park.

For more information about the May Revise and upcoming key dates in the budget process, please visit: www.sandiego.gov/fm/proposed/index.shtml. Our City’s Independent Budget Analyst will release her final recommendations on **June 5**, and the City Council will adopt the final budget at a public hearing on **June 10**.

Neighborhood Beat



CPR Training in Your Neighborhood!

Council Member Marti Emerald and Rural/Metro Ambulance, the City of San Diego's ambulance provider, will host **Neighborhood Beat**, a city-wide community CPR training program. This FREE event will be hosted in Council District 9 on Saturday, June 15.



WHO: All members of the community age 4 to 104 are invited to learn life-saving CPR skills.

WHAT: Training will last 1 hour.

WHERE: Blessed Sacrament Church
4540 El Cerrito Dr.
San Diego, CA 92115

WHEN: Saturday, June 15, 2013
10 to 11 a.m.

Training will last about one hour. Please arrive at least 10 minutes prior to start times.

Note: CPR certification is NOT provided.

Please RSVP below.

Learn how to:

- Perform CPR
- Use an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)



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Construction to Begin Soon on the MID-CITY RAPID BUS PROJECT!

¡Se inicia la construcción del PROYECTO DE AUTOBÚS MID-CITY RAPID!

Please join us at one of two open house meetings to learn about the upcoming construction for the Mid-City Rapid Bus Project – a high-frequency, limited-stop service between San Diego State University and Downtown San Diego via Park and El Cajon boulevards. The project team will be available to answer questions on the construction schedule and activities.

Acompáñenos a una de dos juntas públicas de estilo “open house” para aprender sobre la construcción del Proyecto de Autobús Mid-City Rapid – un servicio de alta frecuencia y paradas limitadas que traslada entre San Diego State University y Downtown San Diego por los boulevards de Park y El Cajon. Miembros del equipo del proyecto estarán presentes para responder a preguntas sobre el horario y las actividades de construcción.

■ Monday, June 10, 2013

5:30-7:30 p.m. (Brief presentation at 6:30 p.m.)

Grace Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall

3967 Park Boulevard, San Diego

(Parking and entrance through the alley in the back)

■ Lunes, 10 de junio 2013

5:30-7:30 p.m. (Breve presentación a las 6:30 p.m.)

Iglesia Grace Lutheran, Fellowship Hall

3967 Park Boulevard, San Diego

(Estacionamiento y entrada accesible por el callejón)

■ Thursday, June 13, 2013

5:30-7:30 p.m. (Brief presentation at 6:30 p.m.)

El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association

3727 El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego

■ Jueves, 13 de junio 2013

5:30-7:30 p.m. (Breve presentación a las 6:30 p.m.)

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For more information,
visit KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/MidCityRapid or call the project
information line at (877) 379-0110.

Para más información,
visite KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/MidCityRapid o llame a la línea de
información del proyecto al (877) 379-0110.



Neighborhood Focus: Teralta

One of City Heights's sixteen neighborhoods, Teralta West, was the inspiration for naming Teralta Park, a neighborhood park built over State Route-15 (SR-15), the freeway link that runs through City Heights. Teralta West is unique in having Teralta Park, one of only three parks over freeways in the United States.

Teralta Park is a passive park with wide grassy areas for play and open shelters for picnics. This regional asset also has a tot lot playground and a basketball court. It also has a well-used sidewalk surrounding it where many City Heights residents get their daily exercise.

Teralta West and its adjacent neighborhood, Teralta East are located between SR-15 and Euclid Avenue; and El Cajon Boulevard and University Avenue. The population here is young, ethnically diverse, and active in the schools, the neighborhoods, and the community.



The two Teralta neighborhoods have a mixture of single-family and multi-family housing. The “Corridor and Teralta Neighborhood Alliance” is an active neighborhood organization in Teralta West. It meets each second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Metro Villa Apartments located at 4071 39th Street, SD 92105. Contact Maria Cortez for more information - (619) 283-7815, mcortez@cityheightscdc.org. We want to thank Jim Varnadore for his contribution to this article.

June Community Events

Saturday, June 1, 2013 – Art Around Adams celebrates ten years of artistic expression over a two-mile stretch of Adams Avenue! This free, family friendly event will showcase an array of artists, musicians, outrageous street performers, comedians, interactive installations and more! The event is from 2pm to 10pm along Adams Avenue from Oregon Street in Normal Heights to Vista Street in Kensington. For more information visit: www.artaroundadams.org

Sunday, June 9, 2013 - Kensington Makes Music in June - In aChord Men's Ensemble will give a quality jazz and pop genre performance, singing boogie-woogie, be-bop and a cappella, all in a slightly tongue-in-cheek, nostalgic style – promising a delightful afternoon in a unique backyard setting! The performance begins at 5pm at 5158 Edgeware Road. Purchase tickets today at Kensington Video, 4067 Adams Avenue. For more information, please visit: www.kensingtonconcertseries.com.

Saturday, June 22, 2013 – Fairmount Park Annual Block Party will take place on at the Church of Brethren, 3850 Westgate Place 92105 from 1pm to 5pm. For more information please call (619) 262-1988.

Saturday, June 22, 2013 – Third Annual World Refugee Day – Meet your neighbors and celebrate San Diego as the refugee resettlement capital of the world. There will be cultural performances, panel discussions, and a bazaar at Market Creek Plaza, 404 Euclid Avenue, from 11am to 4pm. For more information, please visit: <http://www.refugeedayevent.org/index.html>

Saturday, June 22, 2013 - College View Estates Block Party – Stop by and visit with your neighbors at this annual block party. The party is from 4:30pm-7:30pm along Manhasset and Penny Place. For questions or further information please contact Ann Cottrell at (619) 583-7003.

Marti In The District



Councilmember congratulated recipients of the youth awards at the Annual Cinco de Mayo Con Orgullo Festival in City Heights.



City Heights CDC organized a pit stop at 54th and University for the Bike to Work Day. Councilmember Emerald stopped by to thank the organizers of this event and for improving bike friendly practices in District 9.



City of San Diego Human Relations Commission honored the 44th Street Resident and Youth Leaders for their courage and commitment. The residents of 44th Street took the initiative to stand up against violence and to focus on awareness and prevention following the tragic loss of their loved ones.



Councilmember Emerald participated in the Kensington Parade. We congratulate the grand prize winner of the Parade, the Kensington Chickens. Thanks to John Kaheny and Julie Braden for your years of service with the Kensington Social Athletic Club.

INTERNSHIPS

San Diego City Councilmember Emerald's office is currently accepting applications from motivated high school and college students looking to gain experience interning for an elected official.

Interested applicants should e-mail Abigail Santos a cover letter, résumé and at least one letter of recommendation, along with a brief writing sample, to santosa@sanidiego.gov. Please feel free to call (619) 236-7042 with any questions.